



This Ain't No Circus Act

Come one, come all. Before your very eyes, you will witness a true freak of mechanical nature perform an act of utter hydraulic abomination. This is no optical illusion, friends. No trick mirrors or hidden cameras. Just a death-defying backhoe operator who has literally lifted himself up to new heights.

This series of pictures shows the operator using the backhoe arms to lift himself up to the top of a train car to get a load of gravel. Crazy ... or so I thought. Apparently (believe it or not) this particular type of backhoe was designed to do this. Are they all? No!

So remember, just 'cause you see someone else do somethin' with their fancy souped-up machine doesn't mean yours was designed to do the same thing. Know the limits of your equipment. If you're not sure ... read the manual! Same rule applies with chain saws and blenders (and vacuum cleaners, but we'll save that story for another day).



